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GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW JUDGE TO MARICOPA COUNTY COURT Jose S. Padilla to become new Superior Court judge

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano announced today she has appointed Jose S. Padilla to the Maricopa County Superior Court.

Mr. Padilla graduated from Arizona State University and earned his law degree from ASU. He has practiced law in Arizona for 22 years, and founded his own law firm in Arizona in 1987. Mr. Padilla currently practices criminal and personal injury law.

"Jose Padilla is a long-time member of the Arizona Bar, and has admirably served his clients for many years," said Governor Napolitano. "Particularly impressive is his work with those people who are typically under-represented in the legal system. I am confident he will be an asset to the Superior Court."

Mr. Padilla is a long-time public defender and has conducted free legal clinics. He was raised in Glendale, and graduated from Peoria High School.